OhioBuys

Connecting Buyers and Suppliers

OhioBuys Upgrade Features Spotlight



Overview of OhioBuys Upgrade

The OhioBuys Upgrade will bring changes to the below core system modules. Overall, there will be new ways for end users to communicate directly and quickly within OhioBuys, including several enhancements to notification management aimed at centralizing actions, messages, and notifications.

Within the Solicitations and Contracts (S&C) module, there are various new features.

In addition to these updates, different user interface components of pages across OhioBuys have been improved to streamline the overall experience for users.

Core OhioBuys Modules with New Features to Highlight







Core Changes by Module

Solicitations and Contracts (S&C)

This upgrade sees the largest improvements within the S&C module.

Solicitations have several new features, including the ability to individually reach out to Suppliers for bid clarifications without creating an entire new lot or round, the ability to add solicitation documents that more easily carry over into contracts, and a revamped and enhanced user experience on the Analyze and Award tab.

On the Contracting front, the entire authoring model has been redesigned and enhanced, with improvements to both Native and MS Word-based authoring, version control, and document management more broadly.

Other Improvements:



Greater flexibility in creating additional lots/rounds with double and triple envelope solicitations (RFPs)



Easier contract document storing mechanics when creating an amendment



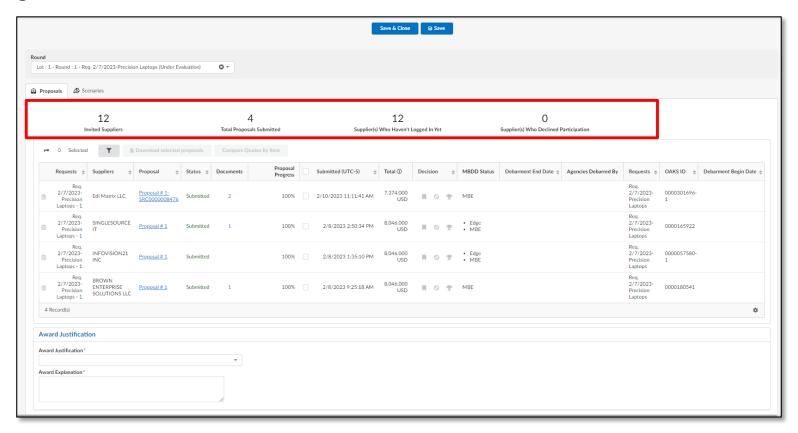
New contract lifecycle management views





Revised Analyze and Award Tab

The Analyze and Award Tab's interface has been updated to include a dashboard that summarizes pertinent information to facilitate the analysis and awarding of a solicitation:

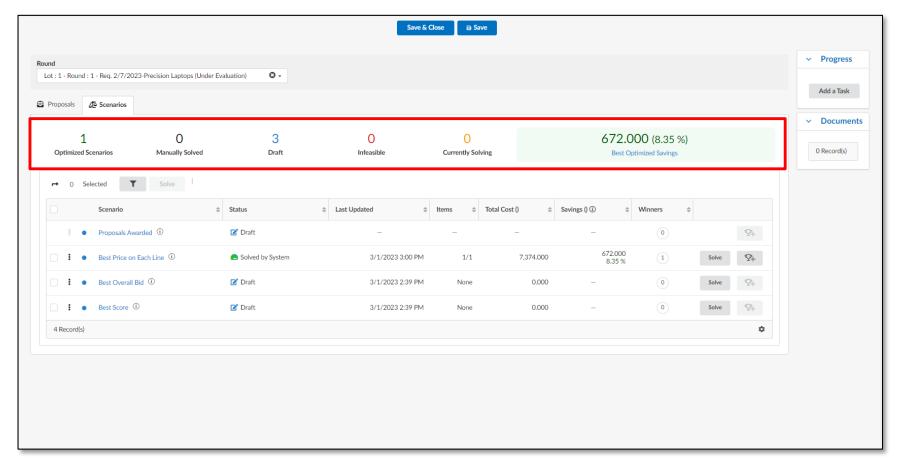






Revised Analyze and Award Tab

The Scenario section of this tab has also been redesigned so it's easier to view and run award scenarios:







Core Changes by Module

Suppliers

The largest change for Suppliers will be the introduction of messaging across a number of modules in OhioBuys. Additionally, Suppliers will have access to the Public Supplier Browse Page, allowing them to see a record of all active State Suppliers.

EXAMPLE



A Requisitioner and a Supplier can send each other messages using the message center.

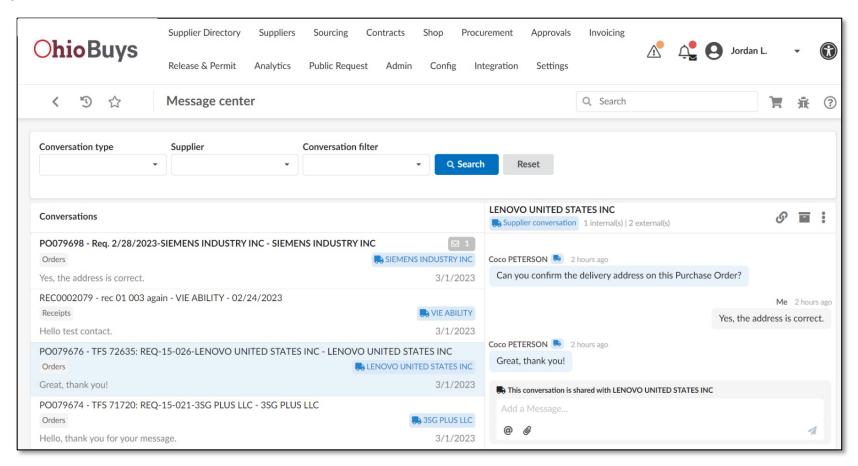






Supplier Messages

The new Message Center allows agency users to send messages to suppliers and other agency users. Agency users can use this page to contact a supplier directly when there are questions regarding a purchase order, receipt, or exception.



Supplier Messages

In addition to viewing and sending messages via the Message Center page, State users can also view and send messages to suppliers and other State users directly from the object they are viewing (e.g. a purchase order, receipt, etc.). To do this, users can click the conversation icons in the top-right hand corner of the page to

open the conversation pane.

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